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CROCHETED BAG

Shown on front cover

The envelope bag was crocheted from 4 strands of highly mercerized crochet cotton, No. 10, with a No. 00 steel hook, but you might use Corde, gimp, ribbon braid, or similar materials. Bag shown is about 8½ by 12 inches but it may be made any desired size by following these general instructions. Approximately four 350-yard balls of crochet cotton were used, or about 350 yards of Corde, which is used single. Each side of purse is crocheted separately, then the sides and lower edge are joined with a row of sc (single crochet).

Beginning along lower edge of one side, ch (chain) 55 to measure about 12 inches. (If varying these directions for different material, ch to measure slightly more than length desired.) Sk (skip) 4 sts (stitches) of ch, 5 dc (double crochet) in next st (a shell), * sk 1 st; in next 3 sts work a dc-cluster as follows: thread over hook, draw loop through 2nd st from shell, thread over hook and draw through 2 of the loops now on hook (2 loops remaining on hook); thread over hook, draw loop through next st of ch, thread over and draw through 3 loops at once (2 loops remaining on hook); thread over hook, draw loop through next st of ch, thread over and draw through 2 loops, thread over and draw through the remaining 3 loops. Sk next st of ch, shell of 5 dc in next st. Repeat from * along ch (9 shells separated by dc-clusters), sk next st, dc in next (last) st. (If varying the directions work row as directed, having a shell at beginning and end of row with dc-clusters between shells, and making row the length desired; cut off excess length of ch. Follow directions for remainder of bag.)

Row 2: ch 3, turn, * sk 1 dc of shell; in next 3 dc (3 middle dc of shell) work a dc-cluster; sk 1 dc (last dc of shell), in next dc (dc-cluster of previous row) work a shell of 5 dc. Repeat from * across. Following the dc-cluster worked in last shell of previous row, dc in top st of end ch. Row 3: ch 3, turn, shell of 5 dc in next dc (this is the last dc-cluster worked in previous row); * sk next dc, in next 3 dc (middle dc of shell) work a dc-cluster; sk next (last) dc of shell, shell of 5 dc in next dc-cluster. Repeat from * across. Following the shell worked in last dc-cluster of previous row, dc in top st of end ch.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 in order until 16 rows (to measure about 8 inches) have been worked; ch 1, turn, sc (single crochet) in each st of 16th row, ch 1, turn, sc in each sc of previous row; fasten off. Side up when working last sc row is right side of bag, and sc edge will be upper edge of bag. Work a 2nd side for bag exactly like first; do not fasten off. Place first side against 2nd side, wrong sides together and sc rows up. Baste or pin together across ends and along lower edge. Work a row of sc around these 3 sides going through both pieces to join them. Fasten off and weave thread ends into back of work.

A foundation for the bag may be purchased ready made, or made at home. Cut a strip of light cardboard or buckram 12 inches wide (or desired length of bag), and twice as long as bag is deep (about 17 inches). Fold strip in center to form envelope, slip into bag and adjust size until it fits smoothly. Using this as a guide, cut two pieces of lining material (same color as bag) the same size as buckram plus seam allowances. Fold each piece to form envelope and seam ends, taking a slightly deeper seam on one for inner lining. Turn outer cover right side out. Slip buckram into it, then work lining inside buckram. Turn seam allowance around top of each envelope toward buckram; press. Baste tape of a 12-inch zipper between two parts of foundation. Stitch zipper in place close to edge of lining, stitch a second row ¼ inch back from edge to keep lining from riding up around zipper.

Slip crocheted bag over foundation, tack to foundation along sc rows of edge. A plastic zipper pull may be attached to the zipper tab.

CROCHETED GLOVES

Shown on front cover

These gloves are easy to fashion and may be made to fit any size by following the general directions. You will like them for summer for they are cool, easy to wash, and need little pressing. For one pair you will need about 320 yards of No. 20 mercerized crochet cotton in white or any desired color, and a No. 11 steel hook. Preshrink the thread by tying it in a skein and dipping in hot and cold water.

Each finger is crocheted separately in a spiral, in a pattern of hdc (half-double crochet) separated by 1-ch (chain), working the hdc in 1-ch sps (spaces) of previous rnd (round). Index finger: beginning at tip of finger, ch 4, sl st (slip stitch) in first st of ch to form ring, ch 3, 9 dc (double crochet) in ring, hdc (half-double crochet: thread over hook, draw loop through st, thread over hook and draw through all 3 loops at once) in top st of beginning 3-ch, * ch 1, hdc in next dc. Repeat from * around: do not cl rnd (close round) but continue to work in a spiral, working hdc over 1-ch of previous rnd, with ch-1 between each hdc. Make 2 inc (increases) in 2nd hdc rnd by working 2 hdc sep (separated) by ch 1 in 1-ch sp (space). Make 1 inc in 4th hdc rnd, 1 inc in 5th rnd, 1 inc in 6th rnd, and more inc if needed so glove finger fits snugly but comfortably when slipped over finger. There should be about 15 to 20 1-ch sps in upper part of finger. When glove finger comes to division between fingers when pulled well down over finger, fasten off with ch 1, sl st over next 1-ch.

Make middle and ring glove fingers in the same way, making each the correct length. They can probably be the same size around as the index glove finger unless there is a great difference in the size of the fingers. If needed, more inc can be made. As fingers are worked lay them down in the proper order. Before making the little finger, make the thumb.

THUMB: this is made like the fingers. Ch 4, sl st in first st to form ring, ch 3, 10 dc in ring, hdc in top st of 3-ch, * ch 1, hdc in next dc. Repeat from * around; (ch 1, hdc over next 1-ch) around and around, increasing as for glove fingers as much more as needed to make thumb fit. A snug fit is desirable: fasten off when correct length is reached.

LITTLE FINGER: work same as for other fingers, but make only 2 inc in the hdc rnds, or as many as needed for a snug fit; do not fasten off.

Sew index and middle fingers together for about ½ inch along edge, making the places where work was fastened off come in seam. Fold middle finger with the ½-inch joining exactly in the center of one side. sew ring finger to middle finger directly opposite the previous joining, and with the point where ring finger was fastened off in this seam. Fold ring finger with the ½-inch joining exactly in the middle of one side, sew little finger directly opposite this joining, leaving the ball thread free on the outside of little finger.

PALM: pick up thread from little finger. Working across free edge of fingers in pattern (ch 1, hdc in next 1-ch sp), work around entire hand. When working across palm side of fingers make no inc, working 1 hdc in each 1-ch sp. In working across back of fingers, make an additional hdc in seams between fingers. Do not cl rnd but continue to work around and around; no further inc is made in the palm portion of glove; entire glove to cuff is worked in hdc, ch 1 pattern except for spaces and blocks for back lines for which directions are given below.

BACK LINES: middle line is begun first in 3rd hdc row of hand portion of glove. When directly above the seam between middle and ring fingers, ch 3, sk (skip) next 1-ch sp, hdc over next 1-ch, continue around in pattern. In next rnd, hdc over 1-ch just before the 3-ch, ch 1, 3 hdc over 3-ch, ch 1, hdc over next 1-ch, continue in pattern. In the next rnd the outer lines begin. Hdc in 1-ch sp between 6th

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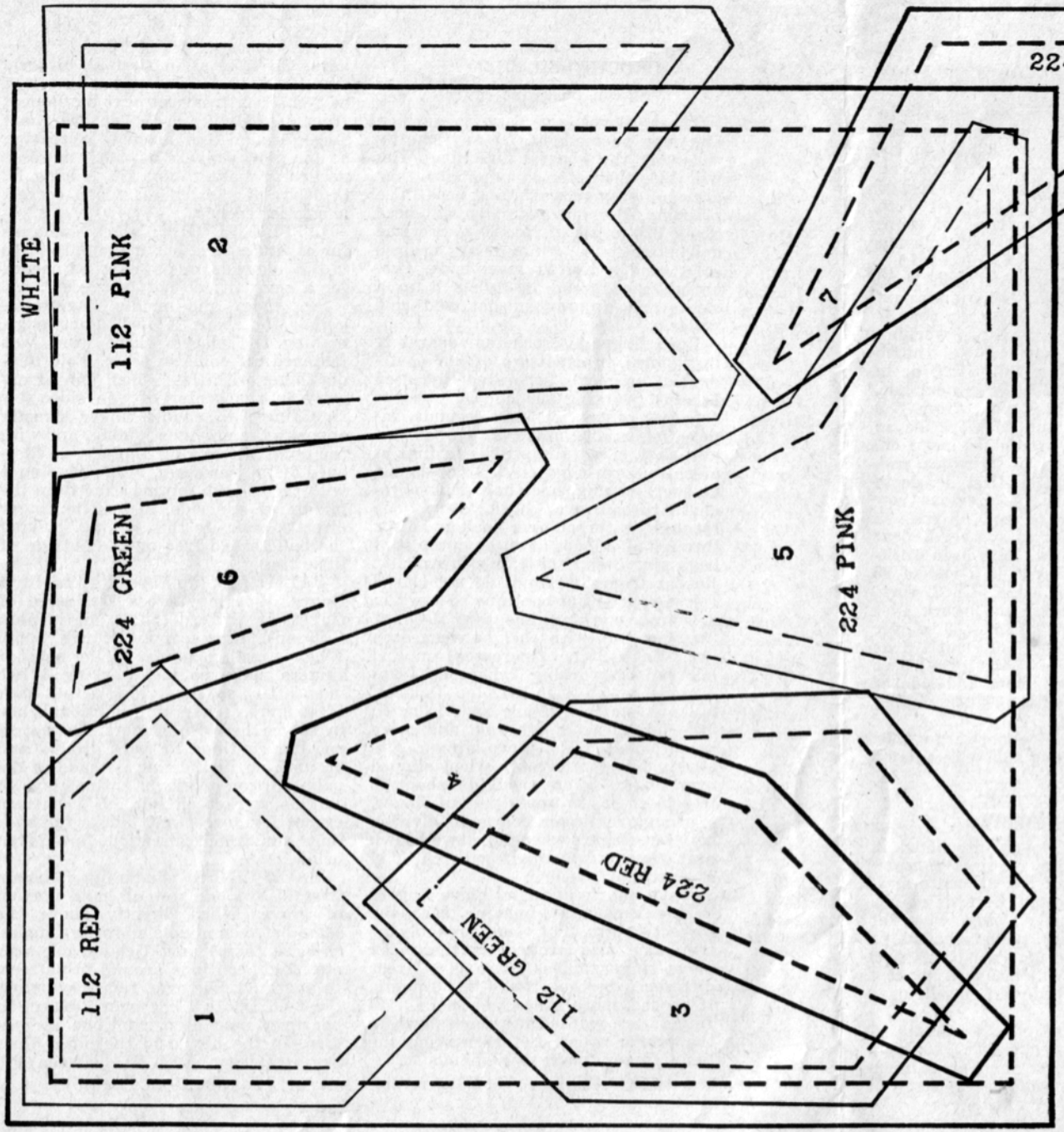

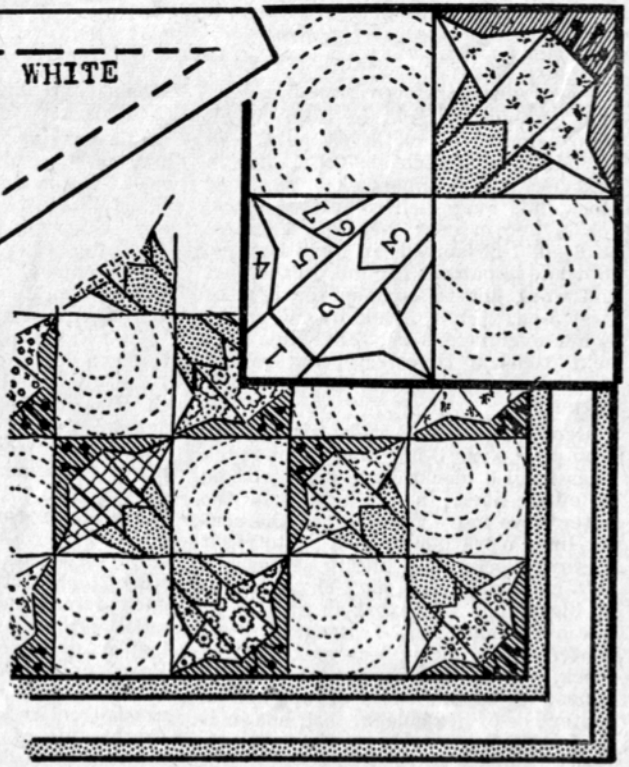

TRUMPET FLOWER QUILT

The quilt with border will measure about 96 by 108 inches. Materials needed for quilt with border as shown: about 4 2/3 yards white, 2¼ yards pink or pink print, 1 2/3 yards red, and 2½ yards green.

Make tracings of pieces to use as cutting guides. Plain numbers on pieces show how pieced flower square is set together (see sketch of block enclosed in heavy black line in corner). Cut number of pieces in colors suggested. Piece flower squares as shown. Embroider centers with black floss in outline stitch and clusters of French knots. Set flower blocks together with 6-inch squares of white to form the 12-inch block shown in sketch. Make 56 such blocks and set together having 8 blocks up and down and 7 across.

For border on ends cut four strips of green 2 by at least 96 inches long, and two 3½-inch strips of white the same length. Cut the same number of strips of the same colors and width, and at least 108 inches long for side borders. Seam together as shown and seam to quilt, mitering corners. Quilt as suggested or in your favorite pattern; bind edge.

SLIT HERE

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and 7th hdc to right of 3-hdc block of previous rnd, ch 3, sk next 1-ch sp, hdc in next 1-ch sp, (ch 1, hdc in next 1-ch sp) 4 times; ch 3, sk 3-hdc block, hdc over 1-ch to left of block, (ch 1, hdc in next 1-ch sp) 4 times; ch 3, sk 1-ch sp, hdc in next 1-ch sp, continue in pattern around. In the next rnd work hdc in 1-ch sp to right of first 3-ch, * ch 1, 3 hdc over 3-ch, ch 1, hdc over next 1-ch, (ch 1, hdc over next 1-ch) 3 times. Repeat from * twice, continue around in ch 1, hdc pattern.

Repeat the last 2 rnds, alternating 3-ch sps with 3-hdc blocks on back lines until 3 blocks have been worked in outer lines. In the next rnd the outer lines move in closer to the center line. Work hdc in 1-ch sp to right of first block, ch 1, hdc in center hdc of 3-hdc block, ch 3, sk 1-ch sp to left of block, hdc in next 1-ch sp, (ch 1, hdc over next 1-ch) 3 times; ch 3 sk center block, hdc in 1-ch sp to left of block, (ch 1, hdc over next 1-ch) 3 times; ch 3, sk next 1-ch sp, hdc in center hdc of next block, ch 1, hdc in 1-ch sp to left of block, continue in pattern around. Work blocks and sps over these sps until 6 blocks have been worked in outer lines in all.

THUMB JOINING: at this point try on glove to see if glove fits up to thumb when pulled down over hand. If so, join thumb at this point. If not, work on until proper point is reached. To join: fold thumb flat, fold glove flat, sew a little less than half of thumb to edge of glove on palm side, beginning at fold at outside edge of index finger. Pick up thread and work on around, working across outside edge of thumb in hdc, ch 1 pattern.

On back move outer lines in toward center again as in rows of sps following the 5th block; work over these sps for 3 blocks. Work another rnd making 3-ch sps over blocks. In the next rnd work blocks in outer lines; over the 3-ch of sp of center line work 2 hdc sep by ch 1. In the next rnd work 3-ch sps over the blocks of outer lines. There should now be 10 blocks in each line with sps above and below each block.

The next rnd is worked entirely in hdc, ch 1 pattern; over the 3-ch of sps of outer lines work 2 hdc sep by ch 1. Work 2 hdc rnds; in 3rd rnd work to center back, sl st 1-ch to hdc at center back. (If it is desired to make hand or wrist portion of glove longer, work more hdc rnds closing last rnd at center back as directed.)

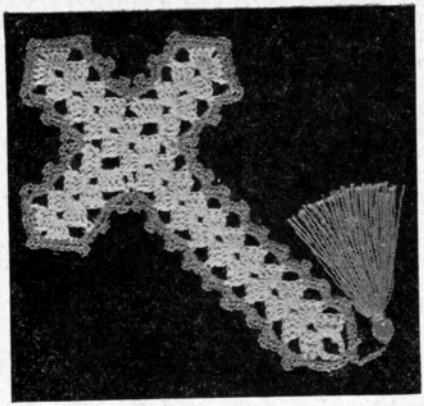
CUFF: this is worked back and forth in dc rows. Row 1: ch 3, sk next 1-ch, * dc in next hdc, dc over next 1-ch. Repeat from * around; in working across wrist portion above thumb make 6 decreases as follows: * dc in next hdc, sk next 1-ch, dc in next hdc, dc over next 1-ch. Repeat from * 5 times, then continue to work dc in hdc and over 1-ch around, sk last 1-ch, dc in sl st at end of previous rnd. Row 2: ch 3, turn, sk first dc, dc in each remaining dc of previous row until within 1 dc of end of rnd, sk last dc, dc in top st of end ch. Repeat Row 2 until 6 dc rows have been worked in all. The last rnd is a rnd of sc around entire cuff edge. Ch 2, turn, (right side of glove out), work 1 sc between each dc of last row, 3 sc over ends of rows along V of cuff, 2 sc over end of rows at point of V, 3 sc over ends of rows along 2nd side of V, sl st in top st of 2-ch at beginning of rnd; fasten off.

Make 2nd glove opposite to this. Press cuffs on wrong side with a damp cloth.

BIBLE BOOKMARK

This Bible bookmark, crocheted in the form of a cross, requires approximately 10 yards of No. 30 white mercerized crochet cotton, 8 yards of No. 30 pastel (lavender, pink, blue, or any desired shade), pastel shaded, or variegated thread, and a No. 12 steel hook. The cross will measure about 4 inches long. Finer thread may be used if desired.

CROSS: beginning at lower tip of cross with white, ch (chain) 10, sl st (slip stitch) in first st of ch to form ring, ch 3, 3 dc (double crochet) in



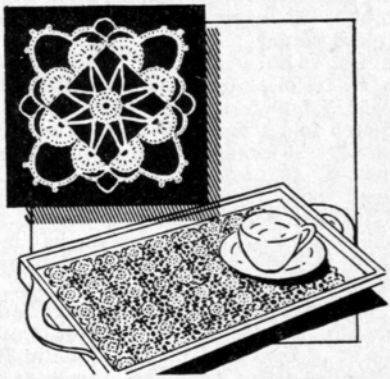
ring, ch 2, 4 dc in ring, * ch 4, turn, over 2-ch of previous shell work a shell of 4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc; tr (treble crochet) in top st of end ch of previous row. Repeat from * until 16 shell rows have been worked in all; fasten off after tr in end st of previous row.

ARMS OF CROSS: with long side of cross up, ring at lower tip of cross on the left and last row worked at right, attach white in end tr of 13th shell row, sk (skip) next 4-ch or tr, over 4-ch or tr between 12th and 11th shell rows, work a shell of 4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc; sl st to end tr of 10th shell. * Ch 3, turn, over 2-ch of shell just worked, work a shell of 4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc, tr in end st of previous row. Repeat from * twice (4 shells worked); fasten off. Work arm on opposite side of cross to correspond with that just worked.

EDGING: hold cross with ring at lower tip pointing up. Attach thread of trimming color at right of ring in top of end st of first shell worked. Working around ring, ch 4, sl st over ch-ring at tip of cross, ch 4, sl st in top of end st of first shell on other edge of cross. In space between first and 2nd shells work 2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc; sl st in st at end of 2nd shell; * in space between next 2 shells work 2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc; sl st in top of st at end of next shell. Repeat from * around to beginning of round. In working across shell at tip of arms and upper part of cross, work 1 sc in each st of shell; over 2-ch of shell work 1 sc, ch 3, 1 sc. Work 5 sc over first 4-ch of round, sc in sl st in ring at tip, 5 sc over next 4-ch, sl st in first sc of round; fasten off.

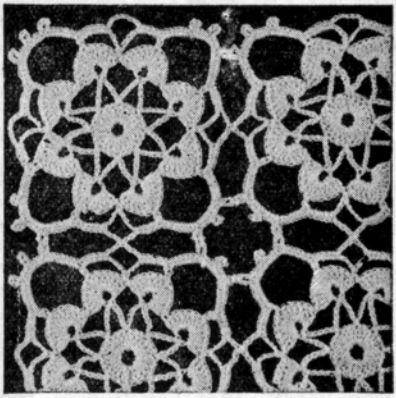
TASSEL: cut about 25 strands of trimming color, each about 3 inches long. Lay together with ends even. With trimming color, ch 1, slip hook under entire group of threads at center and make a tight ch-st to fasten group together. Ch to equal about ½ inch, fasten with sl st in sc at lower tip of cross; fasten off. Draw threads of tassel down smooth. About 3/16 inch below tip of tassel wrap tightly with matching thread about 6 to 8 times, tie thread ends and draw down into tassel. Trim tassel to an even length of about 1 inch.

Press cross face down on a padded surface, using a damp cloth, then ironing dry. If desired the cross may be dipped in hot starch first and allowed to dry before pressing.



CROCHETED TRAY CLOTH

This lovely tray cloth, which measures about 15 by 22½ inches, is crocheted from J. & P. COATS or CLARK'S O. N. T. BEST SIX CORD MERCERIZED CROCHET, Size 30, with a No. 10 steel hook. For one cloth about 22 x 15 (54 motifs), you will need 5 small balls or 2 big balls of J. & P. COATS; or 6 small balls of CLARK'S O. N. T. in white or ecru. Motifs, about 2½ inches square, are crocheted separately and joined to-

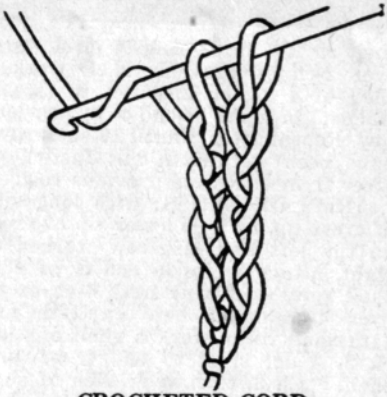


gether as you work. These motifs may also be joined to form vanity and buffet sets, table mats, runners, and table cloths.

FIRST MOTIF: starting at center, ch (chain) 8, sl st (slip stitch) in first st of ch to form ring. Rnd 1: ch 3, 23 dc (double crochet) in ring, sl st in top st of beginning 3-ch to cl rnd (close round). Rnd 2: * ch 13, sl st in 8th st from hook for a picot loop, ch 5, sk (skip) 2 dc, sl st in next dc. Repeat from * around (8 picot-chs); fasten last picot-ch with sl st at base of first 13-ch. Rnd 3: sl st in each of next 5 sts of next picot-ch, sl st in picot loop, ch 3, 12 dc in picot loop; * in next picot loop make 13 dc (a shell). Repeat from * around, join last shell to first shell with sl st in top st of beginning 3-ch.

Rnd 4: sl st in each of next 5 dc, sc (single crochet) in next dc (middle st of first shell), * ch 15, sc in 7th (middle) dc of next shell, ch 9, sc in first dc of next shell, ch 9, sk next 5 dc, sc in next dc. Repeat from * around, ending with ch 9, sl st in first sc of rnd. Rnd 5: * over next 15-ch make, (7 sc, ch 5, 4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc, ch 5, 7 sc); 5 sc over next 9-ch, ch 7, 5 sc over next 9-ch. Repeat from * around, ending with sl st in first sc; fasten off.

SECOND MOTIF: work as for first motif for 4 rnds. Rnd 5: joinings are made in this rnd. Over next 15-ch make (7 sc, ch 5, 4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc, ch 2, sl st in corresponding picot of first motif, ch 2, 7 sc); 5 sc over next 9-ch, ch 3, sl st in 4th ch of 7-ch of first motif, ch 3, 5 sc over next 9-ch of 2nd motif; over next 15-ch make (7 sc, ch 2, sl st in corresponding picot, ch 2, 4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc, ch 5, 7 sc). Finish rnd as for first motif (no more joinings); fasten off. Continue to make and join adjacent sides of motifs in this way. For tray cloth join 9 rows of 6 motifs each, joining adjacent sides as 2nd motif was joined to first motif.



CROCHETED CORD

A cord which is suitable for many purposes can be quite easily crocheted. Using thread and hook of the size desired, ch (chain) 1; holding tag end of thread down between thumb and middle finger, thrust hook under left loop of ch st (stitch), draw a loop through, thread over and draw through both loops on hook (a single crochet). Thrust hook under upper loop at left side of sc just made, draw a loop through, thread over and draw through both loops (another sc). Continue to work sc into upper loop at left side of previous sc for length desired; fasten off.

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